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# ***Traditional HMO - Standard PPP***

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# 2006

**WISCONSIN PUBLIC EMPLOYERS' GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE**  
(FOR PARTICIPATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND ANNUITANTS)

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# 2006 MONTHLY LOCAL EMPLOYEE RATES: TRADITIONAL HMO OPTION--STANDARD PPP

MONTHLY LOCAL EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE RATES FOR 2006	NON-MEDICARE RATES RATES APPLY ONLY IF NO FAMILY MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE		MEDICARE RATES RATES APPLY IF AT LEAST ONE INSURED FAMILY MEMBER IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE		
PLAN NAME	SINGLE/NON- MEDICARE	FAMILY/NON- MEDICARE	SINGLE MEDICARE	FAMILY MEDICARE - 2*	FAMILY MEDICARE - 1*
STANDARD PLAN: DANE--PPP <sup>1</sup>	832.90	2079.10	326.60	650.90	1159.50
STANDARD PLAN: MILWAUKEE--PPP <sup>2</sup>	969.10	2419.70	326.60	650.90	1295.70
STANDARD PLAN: WAUKESHA--PPP <sup>3</sup>	897.40	2240.50	326.60	650.90	1224.00
STANDARD PLAN: BALANCE OF STATE--PPP <sup>4</sup>	897.40	2240.50	326.60	650.90	1224.00
STATE MAINTENANCE PLAN	666.10	1661.90	NA	NA	NA
COMPCAREBLUE AURORA FAMILY	586.10	1461.80	432.00	861.70	1015.80
COMPCAREBLUE NORTHWEST	702.30	1752.30	490.10	977.90	1190.10
COMPCAREBLUE SOUTHEAST	630.30	1572.30	454.10	905.90	1082.10
DEAN HEALTH PLAN	399.50	995.30	320.00	637.80	717.20
GHC-EAU CLAIRE	588.10	1466.80	433.00	863.70	1018.80
GHC-SOUTH CENTRAL	401.40	1000.10	321.50	640.80	720.60
GUNDERSEN LUTHERAN	564.70	1408.30	309.90	617.50	872.30
HEALTH TRADITION	532.50	1327.80	405.20	808.10	935.40
HUMANA-EASTERN	597.80	1491.10	437.90	873.50	1033.40
HUMANA-WESTERN	642.00	1601.60	460.00	917.70	1099.70
MEDICAL ASSOCIATES HMO	440.70	1098.30	307.30	612.30	745.70
MERCYCARE HEALTH PLAN	397.50	990.30	318.40	634.60	713.60
NETWORK HEALTH PLAN	424.50	1057.80	340.00	677.80	762.20
PHYSICIANS PLUS--MERITER & UW	384.30	957.30	307.90	613.50	689.90
UNITEDHEALTHCARE NE	445.90	1111.30	357.10	712.00	800.70
UNITEDHEALTHCARE SE	528.50	1317.80	403.20	804.10	929.40
UNITY-COMMUNITY	359.60	895.60	288.10	573.90	645.40
UNITY-UW HEALTH	398.80	993.60	319.50	636.70	716.00
WPS PATIENT CHOICE 1	539.90	1346.30	408.90	815.50	946.50
WPS PATIENT CHOICE 2	586.40	1462.60	432.20	862.10	1016.30
WPS PREVEA HEALTH PLAN	509.90	1271.30	393.90	785.50	901.50
Standard Plan rates are determined by the employer county or the retiree county of residence.					
STANDARD PLAN AREA INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:	<sup>1</sup> DANE: Dane, Grant, Jefferson, LaCrosse, Polk, St. Croix				
	<sup>2</sup> MILWAUKEE: Milwaukee county & <u>retirees and continuants living out of state</u>				
	<sup>3</sup> WAUKESHA: Kenosha, Ozaukee, Racine, Washington, Waukesha				
	<sup>4</sup> BALANCE OF STATE: All other Wisconsin counties				
N/A = "not applicable". Medicare eligible participants automatically receive Standard Plan benefits.					
*Medicare Family 1=One family member enrolled in Medicare Parts A, B, & D;					
Medicare Family 2=Two or more family members enrolled in Medicare Parts A, B, & D.					
Medicare premium rates apply only to subscribers who have terminated employment.					

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND THEIR ANSWERS

## **Standard Preferred Provider Plan (PPP)**

### ***What is this change to a PPP all about?***

The redesign of the Wisconsin Public Employer's Classic Standard Plan into a preferred provider plan (PPP) with a network will be effective on the date selected by your employer, on or after January 1, 2005. This PPP network offers participants the choice to see any provider, but there are differences in reimbursements depending on whether you go to an in-network or an out-of-network provider. If you receive services from an in-network provider you will have lower out-of-pocket costs. If you choose an out-of-network provider, you contribute more toward your health care costs by incurring additional deductible costs and coinsurance.

This arrangement can be attractive to members who for the most part are comfortable with the plan's providers, but occasionally feel the need to utilize a particular specialist or desire coverage for routine care while traveling. In addition, members who have students away at college may choose the plan to offer comprehensive coverage to all family members, regardless of where they live. The provider network is nationwide, so covered members who receive care out-of-state will have improved access to providers.

Note that the Standard PPP uses elements of the Classic Standard Plan, and is separate from Uniform Benefits offered by the HMO's. All eligible employees and annuitants have the option to enroll in this new plan.

### ***How do I know which providers are in-network providers?***

You can get this information from WPS Health Insurance (WPS) over the Internet at [www.wpsic.com/state](http://www.wpsic.com/state). See the plan description page for more information. Or you can call WPS at (800) 634-6448 for information or to request a printed provider directory.

### ***How is the Standard PPP with a preferred provider network different from the Classic Standard Plan?***

Under the Standard PPP, when you receive services from providers, you will need to meet up-front deductible and coinsurance amounts. You will not have to pay the old major medical deductible and coinsurance. If you use in-network providers, you will have lower deductible and coinsurance costs.

Please note that in- and out-of-network deductibles and coinsurance out-of-pocket *amounts accumulate separately*. Your in-network costs do not apply to the out-of-network deductible and coinsurance, and vice versa. Therefore, if you use both in- and out-of-network providers, you will pay more for your care.

A few other benefits have been adjusted to keep the overall benefit level comparable. The lifetime maximum benefit will increase to an overall \$2,000,000 from \$250,000 major medical only, to more closely match Uniform Benefits.

**A hospital pre-certification program is included. This program requires at least 48 hours prior notice of non-emergency hospital admissions, or notice within 48 hours after an emergency admission. If you do not notify WPS, their payment for your claim**

**will be reduced by \$100. You will be responsible to pay that amount in addition to your deductible.** This program does not apply if Medicare pays for your claims first, for example, if you are an annuitant over 65 years old.

Refer to the plan description page for more details. After the effective date your employer has chosen, the Classic Standard Plan will no longer be available to you.

***How does the application of the preferred provider network into the Standard Plan save money and improve services?***

When using a preferred provider network, claim charges are discounted by in-network providers to a greater extent than those of out-of-network providers. As members utilize in-network services, the plan saves money and future increases would reflect the savings.

The Classic Standard Plan was implemented in the 1970s. Health insurance has changed dramatically since that time, and the Classic Standard Plan had become one of the few of its type remaining in the marketplace. With this change in applying a preferred provider network, we hope our plan will become easier to understand and use, for members and providers, as it becomes more similar to other plans in the marketplace. Also, this change helps to keep the cost of administration down.

***Why is the Standard Plan with the Preferred Provider Network being implemented now?***

Over the past few years the Group Insurance Board has been studying alternatives for our plans. One of the goals was to make the plan more cost-effective and affordable. Your employer is also concerned about this, and has selected this option to meet these goals.



# Standard Preferred Provider Plan (PPP)

Administered by WPS Health Insurance

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## What we are

The Standard Preferred Provider Plan (PPP) is a comprehensive health plan that provides you with freedom of choice among hospitals and physicians in Wisconsin and across the nation. It is administered by WPS Health Insurance – one of the largest health benefits providers in the state, and after nearly 60 years, remains Wisconsin's only not-for-profit insurer offering health plans statewide to the public and private sectors. With offices in Madison, Milwaukee, Wausau, Appleton, and Eau Claire, and over 5,700 employees, we're deeply committed to this state and its citizens.

## Standard Preferred Provider Plan (PPP)

With the Standard Preferred Provider Plan (PPP), the amount paid for covered benefits varies dependent upon the provider selected. A higher level of benefits is available by using a WPS preferred provider.

## Covered Services

- Hospital Services (Utilization Management requires prior notice of non-emergency admissions, or within 48 hours after an emergency admission or a penalty will be assessed)
- Physical, speech, and occupational therapy when necessitated by illness
- Maternity Care
  - Surgery
- X-ray and laboratory services
  - Extended Care Facility (except custodial)
- Office Visits
  - Routine physical exams (See Exclusions)

## Prior Authorizations

To ensure that services are covered, WPS recommends that members or treating providers request prior authorization for the following types of services:

- New medical or biomedical technology
  - Methods of treatment by diet or exercise
- New surgical methods or techniques
  - Acupuncture or similar methods
- Organ transplants

Without an approved prior authorization, WPS may deny payment. Additional information may be submitted for further review of the denial.

## Exclusions and Limitations

- Physical exams requested by third parties (i.e. school, insurance, etc.)
- Services or supplies for custodial care or rest cures as defined by the contract
- Services, supplies or equipment that are not medically necessary, or that are experimental/investigational
- Eyeglasses, contact lenses or hearing aids or examinations for their prescription or fitting
- In vitro fertilization or artificial insemination
  - Cosmetic surgery
- Dental services except as specifically provided
  - Reversals of sterilization
- Organ transplants except as specifically provided
  - Care covered by worker's compensation

## OnLine Services

We are able to answer questions about claims or benefits with our secure messaging via the web. The WPS State of Wisconsin web pages ([www.wpsic.com/state](http://www.wpsic.com/state)) provide access to your plan benefits, member materials, and our "Find a Doctor" provider directories. Once enrolled in the plan, you can register online to gain access to comprehensive plan and health care information as well as timesaving account management tools.

*This is intended as a general outline of benefits. It is not intended to be a complete description of coverage/exclusions and does not serve as a legal document. For a complete listing of benefits, limitations, and exclusions, please refer to the Benefit Handbook available through your personnel representative or call at WPS.*

## Service Center/OnLine Services

<b><u>Appleton</u></b> 1500 N. Casaloma Drive, Suite 202 Appleton WI 54912-7216	<b><u>Wausau</u></b> 1800 W. Bridge Street, Suite 200 Wausau WI 54401	<b><u>Madison</u></b> 1751 W. Broadway Madison WI 53713 (800) 634-6448
<b><u>Milwaukee</u></b> 111 W. Pleasant Street, Suite 110 Milwaukee WI 53212	<b><u>Eau Claire</u></b> 2519 N. Hillcrest Parkway, Suite 200 Eau Claire WI 54702	

## Standard Preferred Provider Plan (PPP)

### Administered by WPS Health Insurance

**Non-Medicare:** *In-network* deductible is \$250 individual, not to exceed \$500 family, then you pay 10% until your out-of-pocket limit has been reached at \$1,000 individual, two per family, per calendar year. *Out-of-network* deductible is \$500 individual, not to exceed \$1,000 family, then you pay 30% until your out-of-pocket limit has been reached at \$2,000 individual, two per family, per calendar year. **Medicare:** *In-network* deductible is \$150 individual, not to exceed \$300 family. *Out-of-network* deductible is \$300 individual, not to exceed \$600 family. Thereafter care both in- and out-of-network is covered at 100%. **All members:** \$2,000,000 lifetime maximum.

Health Benefits	In- /Out-of- Network	Plan Pays	Limitations
<b>Physician &amp; Chiropractic Care</b>	In	90%	Subject to in-network deductible.
	Out	70%	Subject to out-of-network deductible.
<b>Hospital</b>	In	90%	365 days semi-private room. Subject to in-network deductible. Pre-admission certification required.
	Out	70%	365 days semi-private room. Subject to out-of-network deductible. Pre-admission certification required.
<b>Lab and X-rays</b>	In & Out	90%	Subject to in-network deductible.
<b>Behavioral Health</b> (Combined w/Alcohol & Drug Abuse)	In & Out		<i>In 2006, annual dollar maximums for Behavioral Health services are suspended.</i>
		100%	INPATIENT—Of the first \$7,000 per calendar year or 120 days, whichever is less.
		90%	OUTPATIENT—of the first \$2,000 per calendar year.
<b>Alcohol &amp; Drug Abuse</b> (Combined w/Behavioral Health)	In & Out	90%	TRANSITIONAL—of the first \$3,000 per calendar year.
			<i>Annual combined benefit is \$7,000</i>
		100%	INPATIENT—Of the first \$7,000 per calendar year, or 30 days whichever is less.
<b>Emergency Room</b>	In & Out	90%	OUTPATIENT—of the first \$2,000 per calendar year.
		90%	TRANSITIONAL—of first \$3,000 per calendar years.
<b>Extended Care Facility</b>	In	90%	Subject to in-network deductible.
	Out	70%	730 days per admission less hospital days used. Deductible. Excludes custodial care per the contract.
<b>Vision Care</b>	In & Out	90%	730 days per admission less hospital days used. Deductible. Excludes custodial care per the contract.
<b>Prescribed Medical Services/Supplies</b>	In	90%	For illness/disease. Subject to deductible.
	Out	70%	Subject to deductible.
<b>Transplants</b>	In	90%	Kidney, cornea, bone marrow, parathyroid, musculoskeletal. Subject to deductible. Excludes all services related to non-covered transplants.
	Out	70%	Deductible; transplants listed above.
<b>Ambulance</b>	In & Out	90%	Subject to in-network deductible.
<b>Hearing Aids</b>		0%	Not a covered benefit.
<b>Prescription Drugs</b>			Separate PBM administration through Navitus. Annual out-of-pocket maximums do not apply

The Standard Preferred Provider Plan (PPP) pays the percent of charge(s) shown above. Charge(s) means usual, customary, and reasonable (UCR) demands for payment for services or other items for which benefits are available, as determined by WPS Health Insurance. In some cases, the amount WPS determines as reasonable may be less than the amount billed by your provider. Some providers are not contractually obligated to write off the balance and, as a result, may choose to balance bill the subscriber. Should such a situation arise, 'hold harmless' protections apply. WPS will protect the subscriber against collection agencies and collection attempts in a court-of-law. For more information on 'hold harmless' please call a Member Services representative at the number above or visit our Web site. If such a charge dispute arises, contact WPS.